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## Creepy clowns scaring children

PHENOMENON

### Police, staff search school grounds after sighting



**Nicole  
Gnazdowsky**  
For Metro | Halifax

Creepy clown sightings around Halifax have schools and police saying the incidents are no laughing matter.

On Tuesday morning a number of Instagram accounts went live, indicating that there were active clowns lurking in various locations across the Halifax Regional Municipality.

Doug Hadley, spokesman from the Halifax Regional School Board, told Metro that at approximately 10 a.m. the halifax\_clowns account posted a picture of a clown lurking near the wooded area outside of Halifax West High School.

"Because of the eerie nature of the post, a report was made to the school's principal at that time, and po-

lice along with administration searched the grounds to insure there were no unwelcomed individuals," he said.

At least one Halifax-area elementary school teacher told kids not to panic or worry if they saw clowns around the school.

Hadley confirmed that the HRSB is not concerned about any possible threats to students.

Cpl. Dal Hutchinson of Halifax RCMP said Tuesday the clown phenomenon is something new that the RCMP nationwide are not used to dealing with, and advises against partaking in the trend.

"Someone with a mask on, dressed up as a clown right now during all the unrest that people have because of what's been on social media, is not a wise thing to do," he said. "There are things that police can do to attempt to stop you from such behaviour to prevent you from causing further upset."

Multiple other accounts posted photos claiming to have clowns deployed in both Hammonds Plains and Dartmouth on Tuesday morning, striking enough fear in the population to



**The clowns seen around Halifax  
in a social media post. INSTAGRAM**

inspire one individual to start a locally based "anti.clowns" page.

Metro reached out to them via Instagram, and although they wished to remain anonymous they said they have no intention of vigilante action — only to raise awareness of the growing phenomenon.

Alleged creepy clown sightings and hoaxes have been reported on social media across North America in recent weeks.

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## HALIFAX VOTES 2016

# French-speaking Haligonians urged to say 'oui' to voting

### LANGUAGE

## Group hopes survey answers will help voters choose wisely



**Yvette d'Entremont**  
Metro | Halifax

Getting local francophones out to vote is of key importance to Martin Theberge and his organization.

Theberge is executive director of the Conseil communautaire du Grand-Havre (CCGH), which provides programs and services for HRM's francophone and francophile community. "One of our mandates is to keep the French-speaking population of Halifax

informed as much as possible," Theberge said.

To help facilitate that, the CCGH sent a questionnaire to all district, mayoral and school board candidates. They'll distribute the answers via their newsletter and on their website by next week.

The province's francophone school board (Conseil Scolaire Acadien Provincial) includes six schools in HRM. The CSAP is experiencing significant growth in its student population and is struggling to keep up with demand in HRM. He points to overcrowding that has led to planning for a seventh HRM French-language school on the Halifax Peninsula.

"That shows the schools are very important...and require an extra boost, so to speak, by the elected members both on the municipal council as well as the school board," he said.

"Those people play a very, very strong role in the future of our community and that's very important for them to understand. But it's also important for the community to see what they as individuals can do. Well, voting is the first step as far as I'm concerned."

Because francophones are a minority language group, Theberge said their schools play a key role in helping students and the broader French-



**Martin Theberge** is the Conseil communautaire du Grand-Havre's executive director. **JEFF HARPER/METRO**

speaking community enhance and maintain their cultural vitality.

"If you're francophone or speak French in HRM, or if you don't speak French but have an interest in the French community, you're allowed to vote for the Acadian school board," he said.

"That's very important to know. A lot of people think because I don't have children I don't have to vote for school board. Or because I'm retired, I don't have to vote. But it's all

a matter of community."

There are three seats up for grabs to represent HRM's six francophone schools on the provincial board. Four candidates are running for those seats.

"To me it's one of your duties as a citizen, so voting for the school board and getting the person you think better fits the needs of the community for the schools and everything else will have a greater impact than just at the school," Theberge said.



## HOW TO VOTE

### Key Dates:

e-voting (online and by telephone) starts Oct. 4, runs every day till Oct. 13  
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### Election Day is Oct. 15

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### GET INFORMED

The responses received from district, mayoral and school board candidates will be published on the CCCH website ([www.ccggh.ca](http://www.ccggh.ca)) and also distributed via its monthly newspaper Le Franco later this week or early next week.



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# Peering into the past

HISTORY

## Man revisits Pier 21 on 50th anniversary of arrival to Canada



**Yvette d'Entremont**  
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Seeing the sign above the Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21 on Tuesday was enough to bring Frank Maio to tears.

Tuesday marked exactly 50 years since Maio arrived in Canada via Pier 21.

He was just six years old when his family left Sicily, Italy bound for a new life.

He hadn't been back to Halifax since leaving on a Toronto-bound train shortly after his family's arrival.

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of that day, the Toronto resident and his partner Linda Novembre made the trek back to Pier 21.

Maio was overwhelmed with emotion before he even entered the building.

"We got out of the cab and we saw the sign...It allowed us into Canada," Maio said, his voice breaking and tears welling in his eyes as he took a moment to compose himself.

"What a great country. Some people take it for granted but it's great here from coast to coast. The sign did it for me this morning when we arrived. Everything else has been a bonus and a plus but the sign outside, that got to me."

Sitting on chairs inside the museum to reminisce, an emotional Maio talked about what it was like to arrive in Halifax all those years ago.

"There was a lot of confusion. The boat had just docked and we were coming off the



**"I will be back. I don't know why it took so long to get here."**

Frank Maio

Frank Maio came into the country 50 years ago at the same spot, travelling on a ship from Italy. JEFF HARPER/METRO

boat," he recalled. "There was a lot of waiting."

Maio said in 1966 there weren't many supports in place to help immigrants integrate.

He recalled going to school

"pretty much the next day" after arriving in Toronto.

"There are so many emotions here. Even if you're not an immigrant come and check it out. Do it," he said, fighting back tears and apologizing

for them.

"I was made in Italy but am proud to be a Canadian. I will be back. I don't know why it took so long to get here."

Remo Zaccagna, communications coordinator at Pier 21,

said tears flow often at Canada's immigration museum.

"It's actually quite common to see people in tears because for many people who come here, it's an emotional experience," he said.

DELAYS

## Nova Centre cancels events



**Nicole Gnazdowsky**  
For Metro | Halifax

Another delay in the Nova Centre timeline means at least seven conventions coming to Halifax will be affected.

The project was originally supposed to be completed by January 2016, but that date soon became September 2016. It then became January 2017, then spring of 2017.

On Tuesday, Trade Centre Limited (TCL) confirmed that that date will also not be met.

"At this point the only indication we have is that substantial completion has been pushed back, and we're working with the developers to get a new date for completion set," Suzanne Fougere, TCL spokeswoman, told Metro on Tuesday.

Fougere said they will be working with the conventions that are booked to find another venue, but whether they will remain in the city is unknown.

"The primary option that we're working through is to relocate to the existing Trade and Convention Centre, but that's ultimately their decision," she said.



Nova Centre. METRO FILE





## QUEEN'S MARQUE

## Downtown street could be narrowed

Halifax regional council voted Tuesday to possibly narrow a downtown street and give up some land to accommodate a development that has yet to be approved.

The Queen's Marque development from the Armour Group, in partnership with the Waterfront Development Corporation, is a planned 10-storey "multi-use commercial" building on Lower Water Street between the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic and the foot of George Street.

When the municipality started talks with the developer about Queen's Marque, it wanted a right of way of 18.3 metres, which would've provided a street width of 14.2 metres.

The Armour Group initially proposed a street width of 11.7 metres, and the municipality

met it halfway at 13.1 metres.

"I think that this is a good compromise, and I think that going to 13.1 metres retains the kind of character that we want to see downtown," Coun. Wayne Mason said in putting the motion forward on Tuesday.

That compromise leaves enough space to allow for a 2 metre-wide sidewalk – wide enough for two wheelchairs to pass each other, or for one to turn around. The street won't be wide enough, however, to accommodate bike lanes running in either direction – just northbound.

Also, a small piece of the land on which the development would sit belongs to the municipality.

Council voted to approve the new street line, and provide consent for the developer to apply for site-plan approval on land that partially belongs to the municipality.

The motion is tied to the development being approved by the Design Review Committee.

The developer told Metro at a public meeting about the development this summer that he hoped construction would begin this fall. ZANE WOODFORD/METRO



Renderings of the Queens Marque project. CONTRIBUTED

### COUNCIL NOTEBOOK

#### Electric buses study

Halifax regional council voted on Tuesday to study the possibility of adding electric buses to the Halifax Transit fleet. The transit operator will undertake a feasibility study at a cost of \$50,000, with Nova Scotia Power pitching in \$10,000.

#### Young Avenue homes

As homes continue to be torn down, council voted to protect Young Avenue. Council voted to send a

staff report on options for protecting the homes on the South End Halifax boulevard to the Halifax & West Community Council District.

#### Ferry naming motion

A motion from Coun. David Hendsbee to forego the ferry-naming process in favour of just naming one of the next two ferries the Vincent Coleman was defeated with just three votes in favour..

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Halifax municipality has seen a "significant reduction" in volunteer firefighters over the last decade. METRO FILE

## Council hopes changes will attract firefighters

## MUNICIPAL ISSUES

### Honorarium for volunteers will now be doubled



Zane Woodford  
Metro | Halifax

The push is on to attract much-needed volunteer firefighters in Halifax regional municipality.

On Tuesday, Halifax regional council voted to make several changes to the way it doles out honorariums to volunteer firefighters in the municipality.

The big change is to double the amount of money volunteers get for each point they ac-

cumulate through participation in training and firefighting. Last year, those points were worth about \$16 each, and the average volunteer received \$2,950.

Among other changes, Halifax Regional Fire and Emergency will also increase the stipend paid to volunteer officers, create a new volunteer position to work with station chiefs, create a standby system in some of the more "vulnerable," rural areas, and pay out honorariums quarterly, instead of annually.

The changes are expected to cost \$570,000 this fiscal year, and \$1.14 million next year.

"Based on our extensive consultation with our current volunteer members and our research on what other jurisdictions do, HRFE is confident

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Interested in volunteering? The municipality's volunteer firefighter recruit information session will be held Wednesday night at St. Stephen's School at 3669 Highland Ave. in Halifax from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

that HRM will benefit from an increased number of new volunteer recruit firefighters, and increased participation and retention rates," executive fire officer Phil McNulty wrote in the staff report before council on Tuesday.

The municipality has seen a "significant reduction" in volunteers over the last decade,

and council directed staff to find a way to attract more volunteers rather than decommissioning some rural fire stations.

"Especially in the rural communities, our volunteer firefighters are the backbone of safety in our communities, and to have a mechanism like this to help attract and to retain them as volunteers is significant," Coun. David Hendsbee said on Tuesday.

The municipality also launched a volunteer drive on the peninsula on Tuesday for the first time.

HRFE is looking for 20 volunteers to work out of the Lady Hammond fire station, and is holding an information session Wednesday night for people interested in volunteering anywhere in the municipality.



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# Dartmouth is for lovers



The symbols of affection have been popping up on a bridge over the Shubenacadie Canal.  
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MARTINS PARK

## Footbridge full of love locks reveals city's romantic side



Nicole Gnazdowsky  
For Metro | Halifax

Forget Paris: a new collection of colourful bridge locks shows Dartmouth is a city for lovers.

The Shubenacadie Canal is now home to more than a dozen locks as certain locals have begun placing "love locks" on one of the bridges over the water near King's Wharf.

The locks are a symbol of a couple's love for each other: people place the lock on the bridge and throw the key into the water below so the lock can never be removed, symbolizing "everlasting love," said Walter Reagan, president of the Sackville Rivers Association.

The activity is popular amongst tourists on the Pont des Arts in Paris, where lovers have been inscribing their names into locks, attaching them to the bridge, and throwing the keys into the Seine river below since 2008.

More than a dozen locks have appeared on the Dartmouth footbridge over the past couple of weeks, all placed there by unknown people who are undoubtedly celebrating their love for each other.

But there's still a mystery around who exactly has been leaving the locks there, and how it all began.

"We don't know who's putting them there — all we know is that they are there," said Doug Conrad, general manager of the Shubenacadie Canal Commission.



**We don't know who's putting them there.**

Doug Conrad

CHARLES BRADLEY

## Singer ill, cancels fall show

Due to illness, soul legend Charles Bradley will not perform at the Halifax Pop Explosion this fall.

Organizers made the announcement Tuesday, in light of an earlier announcement by the singer, "revealing he is undergoing treatment for a cancerous stomach tumour."

"Our thoughts are with him during this tremendously difficult time," stated James Boyle, executive director of the festival.

Bradley's Oct. 20 show at the main stage Halifax Forum's Multi-Purpose Centre will now be filled by BADBADNOTGOOD and Lady Wray. Daniel Caesar and Reeny Smith remain on the lineup as support acts. The festival said all of Bradley's upcoming tour dates are postponed as a result.

Details on select ticket refunds will be released Wednesday.

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# Premier rebuffs carbon tax proposal



Premier Stephen McNeil says Nova Scotia is doing well at reducing greenhouse gases. METRO FILE

## CLIMATE CHANGE

### Levy should be feds' call, not his own, says McNeil

Nova Scotia's premier dug in hard against Ottawa's carbon price scheme Tuesday, saying his province "definitely won't" impose a carbon tax.

Stephen McNeil also backed a decision by his environment minister, Margaret Miller, to walk out of federal-provincial meetings in Montreal over Ottawa's plan.

Miller joined her counterparts from Newfoundland and Labrador and Saskatchewan who also left Monday's climate-change talks after Prime Minister Justin Trudeau stood in the House of Commons and dropped his plan on the provinces.

"We talked about it," said McNeil. "When it became obvious, when the prime minister stood up, that they'd already made up their mind ... it just became obvious that the minister should come home and

figure out how we fit into this."

The federal plan calls for a \$10-per-tonne price on carbon starting in 2018. That would rise by \$10 per tonne each year until reaching \$50 per tonne in 2022.

Trudeau gave the provinces two implementation options — either their own direct price on carbon that meets or exceeds the national floor price, or a cap and trade system.

McNeil said any imposition of either measure would be "up to the government (Ottawa) to make" if his province fails to choose.

"I will not be implementing a carbon tax. We believe there are other ways to achieve (reductions) and we are hoping to work with the national government to make that happen."

McNeil said his province has led the country in the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and has already met Canada's target of a 30 per cent reduction in emissions from 2005 by 2030. He repeated that his province is looking at some sort of recognition for that work.

"There is a Canadian province (B.C.) that already has a

carbon tax and there are others that have cap and trade," he said. "They have not had the success at reducing greenhouse gases like Nova Scotia."

McNeil was less definitive about Ottawa's cap and trade option, saying he wasn't sure whether it would work for Nova Scotia. He said the province is running models on its potential effects.

But he continued to dismiss the carbon tax, saying that it would simply put a greater financial burden on people who need to drive in a largely rural province like his own.

McNeil believes a better way would be a North American plan for the auto industry to implement further engine emissions standards.

"It would get us to what we are trying to achieve, which is a reduction in greenhouse gases," McNeil said.

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A group of 22 business and civil leaders endorsed the plan, it is pricing emissions "as most of the world's biggest economies are doing."



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Would you like your coffee with a side of inequality?

That's what was on the menu of Toronto's Tokyo Smoke Found for one special day.

"Don't know if you've noticed our menu today, but we actually charge based on gender," the barista tells a customer in a video posted to YouTube, in front of a menu marked with prices for women in pink.

Large drip coffee? That'll be \$3.50 if you're a guy but an even \$5 if you're a woman.

The reaction is not positive — obviously — but that's the point.

The video is to raise awareness about the "Pink Tax," which is blamed for women paying more

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than men for the same services and products.

How many times have you been baffled by how inexpensive men's haircuts are shocked by how much a dress costs to dry clean?

Needless to say, the Adelaide shop's customers, both men and women, are not happy with the price difference. Some have strong words — "That's f-king weird" — while others walk away empty handed.

The #FightPinkTax initiative is fighting for federal legislation to prevent pricing discrimination. More information on the campaign can be found on Girl Talk HQ's website.



The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge at a children's party with Prince George and Princess Charlotte in Victoria, B.C. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## 'Creepy' video of Royals' visit confuses viewers

A "creepy" video of the recent royal tour in Canada has left some viewers gobsmacked.

Kensington Palace tweeted out the short video on Saturday of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge with Prince George and Princess Charlotte at an outdoor children's party in Victoria.

The family moves around in

slow motion, playing with bubbles and balloons, to the sound of lagging, thumping music.

Many people posted comments describing the video as "creepy" and "morose," while others compared it to a trailer for a horror movie.

The video shows three-year-old George squirting bubbles out of a fish-like gun while his

sister Charlotte, 16 months old, tries to hug a rabbit. There are also shots of a puppeteer and a man making balloon animals.

Not so scary — until you see it in slow motion and slightly darkened.

"I feel like I just watched the trailer for the sequel to #TheShining," responded one person.

"Reminds me of the Terminator movie when Linda Hamilton is pushing her baby in the swing before all hell breaks loose," said another.

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# We have much to learn

Canada is far from the only nation struggling to recognize and combat campus sexual assault, but we're well behind the more proactive U.S. and only so far ahead of the lagging U.K.



**Rosemary Westwood**  
Metro | Toronto

In 1985, the year I was born, the feminist Ms. Magazine published a groundbreaking national survey of campus rape in the U.S.

There has since been research in New Zealand, Canada and the U.K. — and Australia is about to embark on a landmark 40-school study.

So: The struggle to admit to, get a clear picture of and eliminate campus sexual assault is as old as I am; and Canada is by no means alone.

In fact, in terms of government regulation and accountability, we're stuck somewhere in between the more advanced U.S. and the lagging U.K.

In the American system, education falls under federal jurisdiction. That has been key to a far more aggressive and proactive stance on campus sexual assault. President Barack Obama's high-profile focus is only the latest chapter.

In 1990, the U.S. passed the Clery Act, which made it mandatory for universities to report sexual assaults, to have a dedicated policy and to offer supports for survivors. There was also Title IX, an amendment to education laws forbidding discrimination on the basis of sex. It was first passed in 1972 and began to be applied to sexual assault and harassment in the 1980s, beginning with a policy memorandum from the Office of Civil Rights at the Department of Education. That led to sexual-assault-survivor lawsuits against schools.

But then came Gebser v. Lago Vista Independent School District. The 1998 U.S. Supreme Court ruling, which centred on sexual misconduct between a teacher and student at a Texas high school, but which also applied to post-secondary institutions, held that schools were only liable for sexual assaults and harassment if they did not act after learning of them.

The ruling had a chilling

effect on the lawsuits, and a period of inertia and apathy followed, said Michele Dauber, a Stanford law professor and leading advocate on campus sexual assault. Schools "became much more worried about being sued by these alleged perpetrators," she said.

In 2011, the Obama administration released its 19-page "Dear Colleague" letter — a directive from the U.S. Department of Education — that called sexual violence discriminatory and a crime and explicitly stated universities' requirements to deal with it.

"It was pretty minimal," Dauber said. "It was, 'Stop violating civil rights.... You have to have a prompt and equitable resolution of complaints, and you have to tell the victim the outcome.'"

After the letter, students began filing complaints to the Office for Civil Rights. In May of 2014, the agency had more than 50 open files against schools, including Harvard and Princeton.

That same year, Obama launched the White House Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault and the "It's On Us" campaign to raise awareness about sexual assault, for which Vice-President Joe Biden has

become a strident spokesperson.

In the U.K., thanks to guidance over two decades old, some universities have avoided any kind of reporting or disciplinary policies around sexual as-

sault. And there is no national legislation mandating either.

In 1994, Graham Zellick, then president of Queen Mary and Westfield College, led a task force on university disciplinary practices. The resulting report bluntly advised against investigating sexual assault: "Internal action for rape and sexual assault is out of the question," read the so-called Zellick guidelines, unless there's a guilty criminal verdict.

But a recent legal brief has challenged the stasis. Independently commissioned by the advocacy group End Violence Against Women Coalition and released in January of 2015 by human-rights lawyer Louise Whitfield, the brief argues that

follow the Zellick guidelines "are failing to protect women students and are very likely to be in breach of the law."

"That legal opinion really did focus minds," said Rachel Kryss, co-director of EVAWC. "Women's human rights — and we have rights to equality and not be discriminated against — all of those were being ignored."

Recent media investigations found one in three university women faced sexual harassment or assault and that schools had uneven or absent policies for tracking assaults.

In September 2015, amid mounting pressure, the U.K. business secretary ordered schools to investigate so-called "lad culture" on campuses. Universities U.K., the body representing executive heads, in March announced "an overwhelming need" to revise the Zellick rules. And this fall, it's expected to release its report and possibly a new set of stricter guidelines for schools.

"I don't think universities want to get this wrong," Kryss said. "I think they want to just know what they have to do."

**Schools should not wait for the conclusion of a criminal investigation to begin their own investigation and, if needed, must take immediate steps to protect the student.**



From a 2011 "Dear Colleague" directive released by the Obama administration

Though the U.K., U.S. and Canada have different legal systems, different legislation and different accountability mechanisms surrounding sexual assault on campus, the countries share one overarching similarity: institutional failure.

Survivors of sexual assault from schools in all three countries echo each other: The school dragged its heels, the school gave an excuse not to investigate and the school didn't tell the survivor the outcome of an investigation.

**U.S. Vice-President Joe Biden has become a strident spokesperson for the "It's On Us" campaign**



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**We believe it is not for the victim complainant to determine that the matter should be handled internally rather than externally.**



From a 1994 report on U.K. university practices, led by Graham Zellick

gation. This means that legislation in and of itself isn't enough. Even in the face of laws, schools can and will fail to comply. And it shows the effects of systems with plenty of carrots and no meaningful sticks. No American school has ever lost federal funding over sexual-assault cases.

"Relying on human decency in this area is not the way to go," Dauber said.

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## U.S. ELECTION

## Kaine slams 'selfish' Trump

Sen. Tim Kaine aggressively defended running mate Hillary Clinton's character, one of her chief campaign weaknesses, in Tuesday night's vice-presidential debate. He slammed Donald Trump as someone who "always puts himself first" and questioned how his No. 2 could stand by him.

"I can't imagine how Gov. Pence can defend the insult-driven, selfish, me-first style of Donald Trump," Kaine said of Indiana Gov. Mike Pence.

Pence, a mild-mannered Midwesterner, panned the Democratic ticket as promising frustrated Americans "more of the same." He said Trump would repeal President Barack Obama's signature health care law and noted former President Bill Clinton's criticism of the measure this week.

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### IN BRIEF

#### Aussies partying in skimpy briefs arrested

Nine Australians, including a government adviser, have been arrested in Malaysia for stripping down to their briefs and drinking beer from shoes after Australian driver Daniel Ricciardo won the Malaysian Formula One Grand Prix. Government officials said that adviser Jack Walker, was among the men aged 25 to 29 who were arrested after they stripped down to skivvies decorated with the Malaysian flag.

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Children are pictured in La Puya, Santo Domingo on Tuesday after Hurricane Matthew passed through Hispaniola — the island that the Dominican Republic shares with Haiti. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

## 'Everything is gone': Hurricane still rages

## WEATHER

### Matthew threatens U.S. as people rush to stock up

Hurricane Matthew slammed into Haiti's southwestern tip with howling, 145 mph winds Tuesday, tearing off roofs in the poor and largely rural area, uprooting trees and leaving rivers bloated and choked with debris. At least nine deaths were blamed on the storm during its week-long march across the Caribbean.

Forecasters said Matthew could hit Florida toward the end of the week and push its way up the East Coast over the weekend. The forecast triggered a rush by Americans to stock up on food, gasoline and other emergency supplies.

The dangerous Category 4 storm blew ashore around dawn in the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, hitting a corner of Haiti where many people live in shacks of wood or concrete blocks. It unloaded heavy rain as it swirled on toward a lightly populated part of Cuba and the Bahamas.

Damage in the hardest-hit part of Haiti appeared to be widespread, but because of poor communications, blocked roads and washed-out bridges, the full extent was not immediately clear.

At least three deaths were blamed on the storm in Haiti, including one person whose home was crushed by a tree in Port Salut and a 26-year-old man who drowned trying to rescue a child who had fallen into a rushing river, authorities said. The child was saved.

Four deaths were recorded in the neighbouring Dominican Republic and one each in

Colombia and in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

Milriste Nelson, a 65-year-old farmer in the town of Leogane, said his neighbours fled when the wind ripped the corrugated metal roof from their home. His own small yard was strewn with the fruit he depends on for his livelihood.

"All the banana trees, all the mangos, everything is gone," Nelson said as he boiled breadfruit over a charcoal fire in the grey morning light.

In the U.S., Florida Gov. Rick Scott urged coastal residents to prepare for the possibility of a direct hit and line up three days' worth of supplies.

Americans raced to supermarkets, gas stations and hardware stores, buying up supplies. South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley said she would issue an evacuation order Wednesday so that 1 million people would have time to leave the coast. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# Vancouver home sales plunged, report says

## REAL ESTATE

### Expert predicts prices to drop 10 per cent over coming year

Home prices in Metro Vancouver's once-surging real estate market are on the cusp of falling, housing experts say, as new figures show another month of plunging home sales in the region.

The Real Estate Board of Greater Vancouver published a report on Tuesday revealing a 32.6 per cent drop in September home sales compared with the same month last year. That follows a 26 per cent year-over-year decline in August and a dip of about 19 per cent the previous month.

"This looks like the top of the hump," said Tom Davidoff, an economist at the University of British Columbia's Sauder



September home sales fell 32.6 per cent in Vancouver compared with the same month last year, a report says. THE CANADIAN PRESS

School of Business.

"Typically, before prices fall transaction volumes fall. It looks like that's the direction in which we're heading."

Government officials have been scrambling in recent months to cool Vancouver's sizzling real estate market, as surging prices continue to push home ownership further out of reach for the average resident.

Experts are divided on the reasons for the latest decline in sales.

Davidoff attributed the drop in large part to the provincial government's 15 per cent tax on foreign buyers that came into effect in August.

Signalling that foreign demand will be significantly stifled dampens the incentive locals have to rush into

the housing market, he said.

"Why would you (buy)?" Davidoff asked. "The only reason you'd do it is because you expect prices to grow. Well, if you think the foreign buyer's gone, that's off the table. So where's the demand now?"

Davidoff predicts housing prices will sink at least 10 per cent over the coming year.

September was the second month the 15 per cent tax applied to non-residents purchasing property in the city.

The real estate board said there were 2,253 homes sold last month, a steep dip from the 3,345 home sales recorded in September 2015. The drop was felt most acutely among detached homes, where sales declined 47.6 per cent when compared to the same period last year.

Attached-home sales decreased 32.2 per cent while condo sales slipped 20.3 per cent.

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## TECHNOLOGY

### Google unveiling new smart devices



Irene Kuan  
Metro | Toronto

Google is making an ambitious push into the hardware space, with the launch of a parade of products, from a new smartphone, as well as a virtual reality headset, an improved Chromecast video streaming device, a Wifi router and a smart speaker called Google Home.

The sleek-looking smartphone, branded Pixel, is the tech-giant's first foray into making its own phones and will come pre-installed with Google virtual assistant, a voice activated service similar

to Apple's Siri and Amazon's Alexa, which will be a central component for all its devices.

Google CEO Sundar Pichai, who kicked off the event Tuesday in San Francisco, described the assistant as "a personal Google for each and every user." The company hopes to compete with top rivals Apple and Samsung, who have long dominated the hardware market, with Samsung being the biggest smartphone maker using Google's Android operating system.

Rick Osterloh, Google's new head of hardware said Pixel is "the best of Google smarts combined to make the best of the user experience."



Google pushes deep into hardware with new Wifi, Chromecast, Home, and Pixel smartphone devices. GETTY IMAGES



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## PAUL WELLS ON CHANGES IN THE SENATE

**Trudeau's 2014 changes are likely to be permanent. The very thought is making some old-time senators frisky.**



It is only fair to let you know there are rumblings from the Senate. "I think that what you're seeing here is a transformation," Sen. Thomas McInnis told a roomful of reporters on Tuesday. "What you have here are independent thinkers."

Sen. McInnis is a former minister of this and that in the interminable Nova Scotia Progressive Conservative government of John Buchanan, who retired in 1990, and in the less durable administration of Buchanan's successor, Roland Thornhill. He ran federally in Dartmouth in 2000, in what would turn out to be the last election the Progressive Conservatives ever contested, and the result for him was not better than the result for most candidates from his party that year.

Stephen Harper put McInnis in the Senate in September of 2012. Two months later, the Ottawa Citizen started asking questions about Mike Duffy's housing expenses, and life just hasn't been very fun up there in the Red Chamber ever since.

But perhaps that is changing. Duffy was acquitted on all charges. Charges against Patrick Brazeau were dropped, and none will be pressed against Pamela Wallin. But most important, the very composition of the Senate is — maybe! arguably! — changing under Justin Trudeau.

In January 2014, without a day's warning, Trudeau kicked every Liberal senator out of the party's national caucus in Ottawa. The move was widely dismissed as rookie theatrics from a man who didn't understand Parliament. In March of this year, freshly in office as prime minister, Trudeau appointed seven new senators and told them they could vote and speak as they pleased. He will soon name 20 more. Suddenly for the first time, these nominal independents will outnumber Conservatives and the remaining Liberals-without-a-caucus.

What does it all mean? You'll be relieved to know a special Senate committee has been on the case. It's had "passionate discussion, if not outright argument and debate,"

McInnis said. Oh, you scamps. Its conclusions?

Well, on the big questions, you'll just have to wait. Senators are not in the habit of rushing. They released only the first of two reports on Tuesday, and it's the second that will answer the crucial question facing a post-Trudeau Senate: if nobody in the place is beholden to a Liberal government, what's the nature of its obligation to pass legislation passed by the elected House of Commons?

Tuesday's interim recommendations addressed less fundamental questions in ways that still managed to be entertaining. The Senate's proceedings should at last be televised and webcast, they said.

If the Commons sends up an omnibus bill to change a few dozen disparate laws at once, senators should be able to chop it into bits and consider them separately.

And, finally, any decent-sized group of senators (nine or more) who want to sit in any durable combination should be recognized as a "caucus," with budget and

staffing to match.

These changes are likely to make Trudeau's 2014 changes permanent. There might be groups with internal cohesion in the Senate, but they need bear no particular relation to the makeup of the Commons. The very thought of it is making some old-time senators frisky. Serge Joyal, who was a Liberal for decades but is now, well, a Liberal — terminology is tricky up there — said that, from the moment he was no longer welcome in Trudeau's caucus room, "Ben, il y a, comme on dit en anglais, 'No strings attached.'"

How will laws get passed? There used to be room for quiet tradeoffs in government caucus meetings, Joyal said. Now there'll have to be open bargaining between Liberals and... these people. "It's about power," Joyal said. "As my mother would say to me, don't try to show to an old monkey how to make faces." I felt a sudden pang of regret that I never met Serge Joyal's mother.

Justin Trudeau's Senate upheaval foreshadowed, as we are now seeing, his management style in general. He may take a long time to decide, but when he does, you sure notice the decision. If there are noses out of joint, let them be out of joint. It's how he replaced one Clerk of the Privy Council with another. It's how he made climate policy this week. The announcement takes only a minute.

The consequences take years to play out.

## Is 'politically correct elitism' a bad thing?



**Rosemary Westwood**  
Metro | Toronto

When Conservative leadership candidate Kellie Leitch launched another fundraising push last month, she called for bravery among her fellow conservatives.

"Together we will stand up to those who don't want to discuss Canadian values and whose politically correct elitism remains tone deaf to the views of most Canadians," she wrote in an email, referencing her plan to screen immigrants for "anti-Canadian values."

It's proved an ineloquent but revealing sentence.

To begin with, "Canadian values" don't mean indigenous values, obviously. They mean white, colonial values. And, as it turns out, most Canadians really do seem worried about the integration of immigrants.

A full 68 per cent of Canadians want immigrants to "do more" to fit in, compared to only 53 per cent of Americans, according to an Angus Reid Institute/CBC survey released this week.

Sixty-eight per cent, up by more than 11 points since 1993. Angus Reid executive director Shachi Kurl said the increased desire for more assimilation "is something that bears watching, particularly because that view has hardened over the last 25 years."

A question we never ask of polling data, though, is whether those majority views are really worth defending. Or, to use Leitch's words: Is "pol-

itically correct elitism" really that bad? Could it be just a basic call to lean towards, oh, I don't know, human decency over fear-mongering, racism and xenophobia? Calling out "politically correct elitism" was Step 1 in the Donald J Trump Manual for How to Get Away with Hate Speech — is it a great card to play here?

As for whether evil left-wing sorcerers are controlling us all like ventriloquists, let's examine the reality, shall we? The reality is we are in the middle of a new era of race and identity conversations in Canada. In just the last month:

A police officer and a black man in Greater Toronto "swapped lives" for a day for a CBC news report.

Vancouver CKNW radio host Ian Power turned a segment on immigration into personal complaints about being white in a mostly non-white neighbourhood.

A Globe and Mail investigation discovered Maryam Monsef was born in Iran, not Afghanistan, and criticisms of birtherism arose north of the border. The Globe and Mail also launched a podcast on race, called Colour Code.

That's not to mention Black Lives Matter or the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Inquiry or many, many other examples.

Undoubtedly, as Leitch puts out the call for money, she's playing to fears of what Canada will look like in 50 years, when immigration trends will almost certainly push white Canadians out of the majority.

A crucial question to ask but, crucially, not one to fear.

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## BOOK EXCERPT PURELY PUMPKIN BY ALLISON DAY

# Pumpkin served up steamy

### RECIPE

## This autumnal soup is a silky, smooth dose of fall warmth

During the cold weather, my motto is that any vegetable that can be puréed, will be puréed. And no vegetable does such a good job of blending into silky, soupy submission quite like the pumpkin.

Its subtle sweetness shines through with each bite, balancing savory onion, forest-like sage, and a smoky pumpkin seed garnish.

Often, when I eat vegetable soups, I never feel entirely satisfied; soup is always the partner of something heartier, but this deeply rich one carries me through even the most active, blustery fall and winter afternoons.

### Simple Roasted Pumpkin Soup with Smoky Roasted Pumpkin Seeds

Serves 4-6

#### Ingredients:

- 1 (2-3 pound) sugar pumpkin or other small roasting pumpkin, peeled, seeds reserved, and cut into rough pieces
- 1 onion, peeled and cut into rough pieces
- 3 cloves garlic, peeled, left whole
- 8 whole fresh sage leaves



### SYNOPSIS

With this new book, popular blogger Allison Day brings pumpkin into our homes with a seasonal, whole foods recipe set.

- 2 Tbsp extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 tsp salt
- ground black pepper, to taste
- 3 cups low-sodium vegetable stock
- 2 Tbsp 35% heavy whipping cream or full-fat coconut milk, plus more for serving
- Smoky Roasted Pumpkin Seeds (recipe follows) for serving

#### Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 375°F.
2. On a large-rimmed baking sheet, toss pumpkin, onion, garlic, and sage with oil, salt, and pepper. Roast for 45 minutes.
3. Transfer vegetables to a blender or large pot for blending with an immersion blender, along with stock and cream (if your blender jug is small, you may need to do this in batches); blend until smooth.
4. Transfer to a large pot to heat over medium, stirring often, until very hot. Serve with a swirl of cream and sprinkle of pumpkin seeds.

Notes: If you prefer a thinner soup, add vegetable stock 1/2 cup at a time until desired consistency.

Soup can be frozen for up to 3 months.

### Roasted Pumpkin Seeds

Makes 1/2 cup

A crunchy, high protein snack, roasted pumpkin seeds do the heavy lifting anywhere you need a touch of crunch.

Sprinkle on soups, salads, trail mix, yogurt, ice cream, pie, or simply enjoy by the handful, it's hard to go wrong with this seasonal treat.

#### Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup fresh pumpkin seeds, cleaned and dried well, or raw, unsalted green pumpkin seeds
- 1 tsp smoked paprika (mild or hot)
- 1/2 tsp extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/8 tsp salt

#### Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 375°F. Line a large-rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper.
2. Add all ingredients to baking sheet, tossing well to combine. Spread into a single layer.
3. Roast for 25 to 30 minutes if using sugar pumpkin seeds or 10 to 15 minutes if using green pumpkin seeds, until brown and beginning to pop.
4. Cool completely. Store airtight at room temperature for up to 1 week.

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# All dressed for Thanksgiving

## STUFFING

### Two exotic twists on a dish that's a turkey dinner staple

Stuffing often gets a bad rap for being too dry, too fatty, too soggy, or too bland. If that's been the case at your Thanksgiving feasts, consider switching out certain ingredients to better suit your expanding tastes.

Here are two distinct flavours to tempt your taste buds: spinach and paneer from Southern Asia and rice with chestnuts and shiitake from Eastern Asia.

#### Hemant Bhagwani's Spinach-Paneer stuffing

**Key ingredients:** Spinach, paneer, garam masala

Bored of the traditional turkey dinner, Hemant Bhagwani's friends turned to Toronto's Indian Street Food Co. and Amaya Express owner to punch up the flavours of their usual Thanksgiving feast.

#### Ingredients (for the rice):

- 1 1/2 cups (375 mL) basmati rice
- 3 cups (750 mL) water
- 1 pinch saffron threads or 1/4 tsp (1 mL) ground turmeric

#### Directions:

1. In a medium-sized pot over medium heat, bring rice, water and saffron to a boil. Cover and reduce heat to medium-low on a gentle simmer. Continue to simmer until



Tired of the same old stuffing every year? Why not try these new dishes inspired by flavours from around the world. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

rice is tender. Remove lid and fluff with fork.

#### Ingredients (for the spinach paneer stuffing):

- 2 tbsp (30 mL) canola or vegetable oil
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) cumin seeds
- 1 minced green Thai chili
- 4 minced garlic cloves
- 1 finely chopped large Spanish onion
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) finely chopped fresh ginger
- 8 cups (2 L) fresh spinach

leaves

- 3/4 tsp (3 mL) salt
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) garam masala
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) finely chopped dried apricots
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) grated paneer

#### Directions:

1. In a large skillet over medium-high heat, heat oil. Add cumin and chili and sauté till fragrant, about 3 minutes. Add garlic, onion and ginger. Continue to cook for 5 min-

utes, or until onions become translucent.

2. Add spinach, salt, garam masala, and apricots. Continue cook until spinach wilts.

3. Mix spinach mixture with rice. Toss in grated paneer.

4. Serve immediately, stuff in turkey before roasting, or keep warm in oven at 200F (100 C) until ready to serve.

#### Jonathan Poon's Chinese Sausage and Sticky Rice

**Key ingredients:** Dried shiitake, chestnuts, Chinese sausage

Chef Jonathan Poon of Toronto's Bar Fancy didn't celebrate Thanksgiving as a kid, but he did make stuffing for his family at Christmas, and he'd take cues from a dim sum staple: sticky rice with braised soy sauce chicken and Chinese sausage. This is a take on Poon's sticky rice stuffing.

#### Ingredients (for the rice):

- 2 cups (500 mL) white glutinous rice, rinsed
- 2 1/2 cups (625 mL) cold water
- In a large pot, soak rice in water for 30 minutes.

#### Directions:

1. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Cover and reduce heat to medium-low and let simmer until liquid has been absorbed. Fluff with fork.

#### Ingredients (for the chicken):

- 3/4 cup (180 mL) dried shiitake
- 1 1/2 cups (375 mL) boiling water
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) minced fresh ginger
- 1 minced garlic clove
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) light Chinese soy sauce
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) dark Chinese soy sauce
- 1 cup (250 mL) water
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) brown sugar
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) salt
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) roasted, peeled chestnuts, plus another 1/4 cup (60 mL) for garnish
- 1 1/2 lbs (680g) chicken legs, skin on, bone in
- 1/4 cup (60 mL) finely diced Chinese sausage

#### Directions:

1. Submerge shiitake in a bowl of boiling water. Cover with plastic wrap and let sit for 20 minutes. Strain and reserve liquid. Discard stems. Slice

mushrooms. Set aside.

2. In a medium-sized pan over medium heat, stir together reserved mushroom liquid, sliced mushrooms, ginger, garlic, light soy sauce, dark soy sauce, water, brown sugar, salt and 1/2 cup chestnuts. Add chicken legs in a single layer in pan. Cover, bring to a boil.

3. Turn heat down to medium and simmer until chicken is fully cooked, about 30 mins.

4. Remove chicken from pan. Remove skin and shred meat. Discard bones and skin. Add shredded meat back to liquid mixture. Continue cooking until most liquid evaporates.

5. Add mixture to cooked sticky rice. Mix.

6. Wipe pan. Sauté Chinese sausage until fragrant and translucent, three minutes. Add sausage and drippings to rice. Mix until well combined.

7. Serve immediately, stuff in turkey before roasting or keep warm in oven at 200 F (100 C) until ready to serve.

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JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

# Sexism simmers in Top of Lake

**THE SHOW:** *Top of the Lake*, Season 1, Episode 2  
**THE MOMENT:** The briefing

New Zealand detective Robin Griffin (Elisabeth Moss) is heading an investigation to find Tui (Jacqueline Joe), who is 12, pregnant and missing in the bush. "Take a look at this, then," says officer Pete (Stephen Lovatt), jabbing at the name cards Robin placed on the meeting table.

He waves away a female officer who's trying to take her designated seat; his pal, officer Joy (Gavin Rutherford), plops down there instead.

Robin begins her briefing. Her boss Al (David Wenham) frequently interrupts her. She soldiers on: "Whoever impregnated Tui did so illegally, so he may wish to harm her," she says.

Joy and Pete snigger. "What about in primitive societies, where they get married early and wander off alone into the bush to give birth?" Joy asks, grinning.

Robin calls him into the hall — "Now." She asks where his wife gave birth and reminds him that Tui is 12. Officers begin



**Top of the Lake nails what women bosses endure, as experienced by detective Robin Griffin (Elisabeth Moss) seen here with Johnno (Thomas M. Wright).** CONTRIBUTED

exiting the meeting. Robin tries to give a few last orders, but no one is listening.

I'm not saying that only a female writer/director can convey accurately what women bosses endure in meetings. But series creator Jane Campion sure nails it here. The casual, ingrained nature of the sexism.

The mansplaining. The way the cops whisper when Robin is talking but pay attention when Al is. The snark.

The male cops' disdain is never overt enough to be a direct challenge. It's just there, burning under the skin like shingles: an incurable unpleasantness that Robin, and many

women like her, accepts as part of her day.

*Top of the Lake* streams on Shomi, which ceases operations Nov. 30.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

## THE APPRENTICE

# Trump behaved badly on set: Crew

In his years as a reality TV boss on *The Apprentice*, Donald Trump repeatedly demeaned women with sexist language, according to show insiders who said he rated female contestants by the size of their breasts and talked about which ones he'd like to have sex with.

More than 20 people — former crew members, editors and contestants — described crass behaviour by Trump behind the scenes of the long-running hit show. Eight former crew members recalled that he repeatedly made lewd comments about a camerawoman he said had a nice rear, comparing her beauty to that of his daughter, Ivanka.

During one season, Trump called for female contestants to wear shorter dresses that also showed more cleavage, according to contestant Gene Folkes. Several cast members said Trump had one female contestant twirl before him so he could ogle her figure.

Former producer Katherine Walker said Trump frequently talked about women's bodies during the five seasons she worked with him and said he speculated about which female



**Donald Trump was lewd, sexist behind the scenes of *The Apprentice*, cast and crew say.** THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

contestant would be "a tiger in bed."

A former crew member recalled that Trump asked male contestants whether they would sleep with a particular female contestant, then expressed his own interest. "We were in the boardroom one time ... and he just stopped in the middle and pointed to someone and said, 'You'd f... her, wouldn't you? I'd f... her. C'mon, wouldn't you?'"

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# Building a better minivan



REVIEW

## New Pacifica far superior to its predecessor



**Jonathan Yarkony**  
AutoGuide.com

You might think that minivans are going extinct with the rate at which everyone is jumping on the SUV bandwagon, but minivan sales were booming in the first half of 2016, and the all-new Chrysler Pacifica just hit dealer lots in May. It should be a big second half and possibly the best year since 2008 for minivans.

Some of you may recall the Pacifica name from an early (failed) crossover experiment in Chrysler's past, but this is something entirely different: This is the replacement for the Town & Country minivan, while Dodge's Grand Caravan continues on largely unchanged.

The platform is entirely new, using aluminum, magnesium and high-strength steel in key locations to make a lighter, stiffer frame, and the 3.6L Pentastar V6 is paired with Chrysler's new nine-speed automatic transmission, all of which should contribute to much-improved fuel economy. There is also a boatload of new tech on board, from a back-up camera and touch-screen display on base models to hands-free tailgate and driving assistance systems like lane

departure warning and adaptive cruise control.

However, it's what hasn't changed that makes minivans great for families, and some standout features from Chrysler that make it a great minivan.

The trunk behind the third row alone has a whopping 915 litres with a deep well that means you can easily pack in running strollers, a couple bikes and other bulky items.

Of course, Chrysler minivans' claim to fame is Stow 'n' Go seats that collapse into the floor, which is standard for both rows in the Pacifica. Dropping the third row is as easy as yanking a strap and letting gravity do all the hard work. Getting them back up requires a bit more muscle, but is still plenty easy.

Quality, long a sore spot for FCA minivans is much improved, with convincing leather seats, carpeted cargo area, and soft-touch dash.

Out on the road, the Pacifica's mission is built right into its name, with a smooth ride and silky powertrain that provides a peaceful and quiet cabin in any situation. Its mission is comfort first, second and third, with a suspension that soaks up any road imperfections short of a bomb crater, and a transmission that shifts imperceptibly.

Despite a price tag for top trims that many just won't be able to accept, the Pacifica is a massive leap forward for Chrysler and minivans. It's stylish enough to draw attention from unexpected sources and has enough technology to satisfy today's demanding consumers.

## THE CHECKLIST | 2017 CHRYSLER PACIFICA

### THE BASICS

**Engine:** 3.6-litre V6  
**Power:** 287 Horsepower, 36 kg-m torque  
**Transmission:** Nine-speed automatic  
**Fuel Economy (L/100 km):** 12.9 city, 8.4 highway, 10.9 combined  
**Price:** Starts at \$41,930



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## ENVIRONMENT

# Electrics touted, but await their moment

When will electric-powered cars become a practical choice for ordinary people? The question hangs in the air at the Paris auto show, where Volkswagen, Mercedes-Benz and General Motors are showing off electric cars they hope are the on-ramp to a profitable future.

The raft of new vehicles lends buzz to electric cars. But earlier over-optimistic predictions have also bred skepticism.

Volkswagen compared its I.D. electric compact to its historic Beetle and mainstay

Golf models and said it was the leading edge of 30 new electric models it plans to put out by 2025.

Daimler AG CEO Dieter Zetsche looked more Silicon Valley than Stuttgart, wearing faded jeans and sneakers to tout the Mercedes-Benz EQ, a battery-powered crossover SUV concept. The vehicle aims to illustrate the company's longer term strategy that connects electric cars with other new technology, such as autonomous driving and vehicle sharing.

Zetsche said the company

aimed for 10 electric vehicles by 2025, making up 15 to 25 per cent of global sales — a bold prediction he immediately tempered by saying that was based on "continued development of infrastructure and customer preferences."

He said "we need to prepare ourselves with all our resources for electric mobility as a mass phenomenon" yet remain flexible if demand is lower — or even higher — than predicted.

General Motors Co.'s European division Opel is showing off the Ampera-e, a rebadged

version of the Chevrolet Bolt.

However, for now, the limited range and higher costs mean battery-powered vehicles have little attraction for regular folks trying to get the most for their money. They remain largely a niche market, often for people enthusiastic about new technology or the environment, and with the extra disposable income to act on that.

The Palo Alto, Calif.-based Tesla has won attention with rising sales of electrics to well-heeled customers — but loses money. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



France's Minister for Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy Segolene Royal (C) examines a Twizy 45 Renault electric car during the Paris Motor Show. AFP/GETTY IMAGES



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# 2018 Audi TT RS

After a hiatus of several years, Audi will launch the second-generation TT RS next summer, likely as a 2018 model, for somewhere around the \$75,000 mark. At that price, it has its sights set squarely on such notable sports cars as the Porsche 718 Cayman and BMW M2. To even be considered in that company, Audi pulled out all the stops to create something competitive but distinct. **JONATHAN YARKONY** AUTOGUIDE.COM

## 1 Engine

Although this 2.5-litre five-cylinder has the same displacement and core design as the one in the previous TT RS, it is completely new, starting from an aluminum block that replaces the iron block, and using magnesium, molybdenum and other light-weight metals and construction to save a total of 26 kilograms in the engine.

## 2 Power

All these tricks combine to deliver 400 horsepower at 5,850 rpm, and an unnaturally flat torque line of 49 kilogram-metres.

## 3 Steering

The adaptive steering gets quicker as you progress into your turn, and the car tracks well into corners, making easy work of tucking the car right into the apex and slowly leading the car out of the turn as you get back on the gas or quickly turn back the other way in any esses. However, there were times when the transmission could have dropped one more gear to keep the engine in its peak power band, but switching to manual mode means you can anticipate the necessary gear changes on a familiar track.

## 4 Seats

The seats were also a perfect fit, and some models featured adjustable torso bolsters so that once you settle in, you can lock yourself into place for spirited driving.

## 5 Wheels

Quattro all-wheel drive has been a hallmark on Audi's sporting cars since the famed Quattro Group B Rally car dominated the WRC in 1984, lending its aura of invincibility to the Quattro and Quattro Sport road cars of the '80s, which were also powered by turbocharged five-cylinders. Audi bumped up the rubber compound from the stock Pirelli P Zero to P Zero Corsa. That extra grip allowed us to feel even more acutely the way the car shifts power to the rear axle when beginning to understeer.



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NHL

## Little rest for wicked Crosby

Sidney Crosby's mini-vacation after the latest triumph in his remarkable career lasted all of four days.

Sorry, but the process of defending a Stanley Cup waits for no one. So there Crosby was on Tuesday skating in line rushes with the rest of his Pittsburgh Penguins teammates just five days removed from leading Team Canada to the World Cup of Hockey title as the tournament's MVP.

And no, Crosby wasn't about to complain about being tired.



Sidney Crosby  
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That's simply not his way. Besides, his electric performance during the World Cup offered plenty of proof he's fresh as the Penguins look to become the

first team since the 1998 Detroit Red Wings to repeat as Cup champions.

"When you're playing a lot of hockey it's more comfortable," Crosby said. "You just have to balance rest and recovery and making sure you're ready to play."

Crosby certainly looked ready while piling up 10 points during Canada's clinical domination of the eight-team tournament that featured the world's best players. He was a unanimous selection as tournament MVP just a few months removed from being named the Conn Smythe Trophy winner after guiding the Penguins to their fourth championship.

The Pens will raise the Cup banner to the rafters at newly renamed PPG Paints Arena during the season opener next Thursday against Washington.

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# 1998

The last time a team (Detroit) successfully defended its Stanley Cup championship.



Go to [metronews.ca](http://metronews.ca) for coverage of Tuesday night's AL wild-card game between the Blue Jays and the Orioles.



Trea Turner  
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# Nats rookie on fast track

MLB PLAYOFFS

## Trea Turner brings blast of speed into October

Trea Turner knows things will speed up during the post-season. He has the wheels to match.

Since bursting into the majors in June, the Washington Nationals rookie has hit .342 with 14 doubles, eight triples, 13 home runs and 33 stolen bases in 73 games. That's

the highest batting average by a rookie with 300 at-bats since Ichiro Suzuki in 2001, and Turner has the ability to turn his level up as the situation dictates.

"This guy is phenomenal," Nationals closer Mark Melancon said. "And he's just so even-keel, it's not like he's on a hot streak or something. That's his game. He's got five tools and he uses them, he's level-headed, he's a smart player. He's way beyond his years, and it's impressive to watch him."

Baseball lifer Dusty Baker likes Turner's combination of speed and power. The 23-year-old can flash those tools at the plate and in centre field. Turner often doesn't stop at first, but his speed on the base

paths is something that Baker said "changes the equation."

"When he's on the bases, he creates tension," said Los Angeles Dodgers manager Dave Roberts, who was with San Diego when the Padres had him in spring training. "He turns doubles into triples, singles into doubles."

# 33

Turner had 33 stolen bases on 39 attempts this season.

Roberts' Dodgers will be tasked with stopping Turner in the NL Division Series, which begins Friday at Nationals Park.

Already, major-league pitching has something of a book

on Turner, and he knows it's on him to make the most of his key at-bats.

Pitchers "adjust and it's whether or not you have the approach or fundamentals, whatever you want to call it, to either continue to do what you're doing or to adjust back to them," Turner said. "Post-season will be no different. There's just more eyes watching."

There are always eyes watching Turner, who's so fast it sometimes seems like he's gliding above the ground. He has told reigning NL MVP Bryce Harper that he enjoys hitting triples so that teammates can drive him in, and that enthusiasm is a spark in the Nationals' clubhouse.

"Aw, man, it's a lot of fun," Harper said. "He brings that energy, brings that fire that you want. A kid that can really come up here and enjoy the game, have his fun and it really just shows his speed."

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## OTHER ROOKIES IN THE POST-SEASON

**SS Corey Seager, Dodgers**  
.308 AVG, .365 OBP, 105 R, 26 HR, 72 RBI (627 AB)

**OF Tyler Naquin, Indians**  
.296 AVG, .372 OBP, 52 R, 14 HR, 43 RBI (321 AB)

**2B T.J. Rivera, Mets**  
.333 AVG, .345 OBP, 10 R, 3 HR, 16 RBI (105 AB)

**SP Kenta Maeda, Dodgers**  
16-11, 3.48 ERA, 1.14 WHIP, 179 K (175 IP)

MEMORIAL SERVICE

## Golfers bid final farewell to Palmer

A farewell to the King turned sombre when Jack Nicklaus, his voice cracking as a large tear formed in his left eye, urged the elite and the everyman to remember how Arnold Palmer touched their lives and "please don't forget why."

"I hurt like you hurt," Nicklaus said. "You don't lose a friend of 60 years and don't feel an enor-

mous loss."

The service Tuesday in Palmer's hometown of Latrobe, Pa., drew nearly 1,000 golf dignitaries from around the world.

Palmer's private funeral for family members was Thursday, but his family wanted a public service to be held after the Ryder

Cup, which the Americans won on Monday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# 62

The number of times Palmer won on the PGA Tour.

## IN BRIEF

### Tebow moves on to Arizona Fall League

Tim Tebow will test his baseball skills against some of the game's premier prospects.

The New York Mets announced they are sending Tebow to the Arizona Fall League after cutting short their instructional league with Hurricane Matthew approaching Florida. Tebow is scheduled to report Sunday and play for the Scottsdale Scorpions.

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TENNIS

## 9 months taken off Sharapova's ban



Maria Sharapova  
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Maria Sharapova will be eligible to return to competitive tennis in April after her two-year doping ban was reduced to 15 months on Tuesday by a sports court that found the Russian star bore no "significant fault" for her positive drug test and did not intend to cheat.

Sharapova, who tested positive for the banned heart medication meldonium at the Australian Open in January, can return a month ahead of the French Open. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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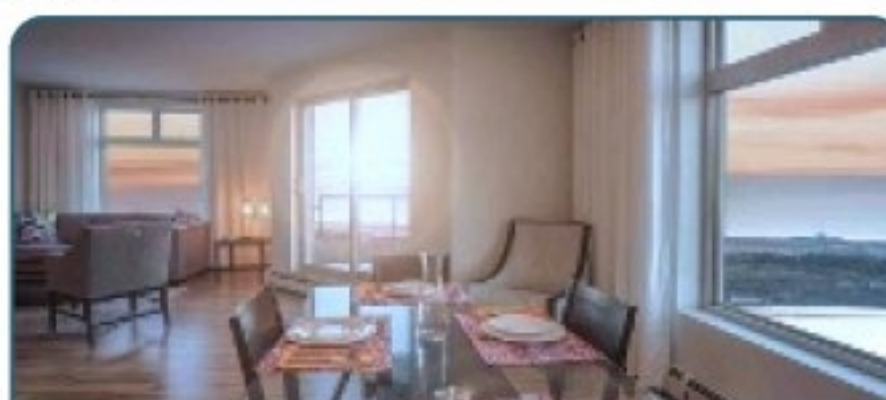
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# RECIPE Roasted Butternut Squash and Pear Soup



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**Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh**  
For Metro Canada

Butternut squash soup gets added sweetness from a pear purée.

## Ready in 1 hour 20 minutes

Prep time: 10 minutes  
Cook time: 1 hour 10 minutes  
Serves 4

## Ingredients

- 2 lb. Butternut Squash, peeled, seeded and cut into 2 inch chunks
- 3 shallots, quartered
- 3 heirloom carrots, cut length-wise and then in half
- 2 cloves garlic
- 2 Tbsp olive oil
- 1/2 tsp salt, divided
- 3 cups vegetable broth
- 1 cup milk
- 1/2 cup apple cider or water
- 3/4 cup pear purée
- Sour cream or Greek style yogurt for garnish

## Directions

1. Preheat oven to 400. Place squash, shallots, carrots and garlic in a large bowl and toss with olive oil and 1/4 teaspoon salt. Spread vegetables on a large, rimmed baking sheet and roast 50 to 55 minutes, or until vegetables are fork tender. Let cool for 5 minutes.
2. Place vegetables and 2 cups of the vegetable broth into a blender or food processor and puree until smooth.
3. Pour the purée into a large saucepan over medium-low heat and stir in the last cup of broth, milk, water or apple cider, pear purée and the remaining salt.
4. Allow the soup to cook until hot for about 10 minutes, stirring occasionally.
5. Serve with a dollop of Greek style yogurt or sour cream mixed into soup.

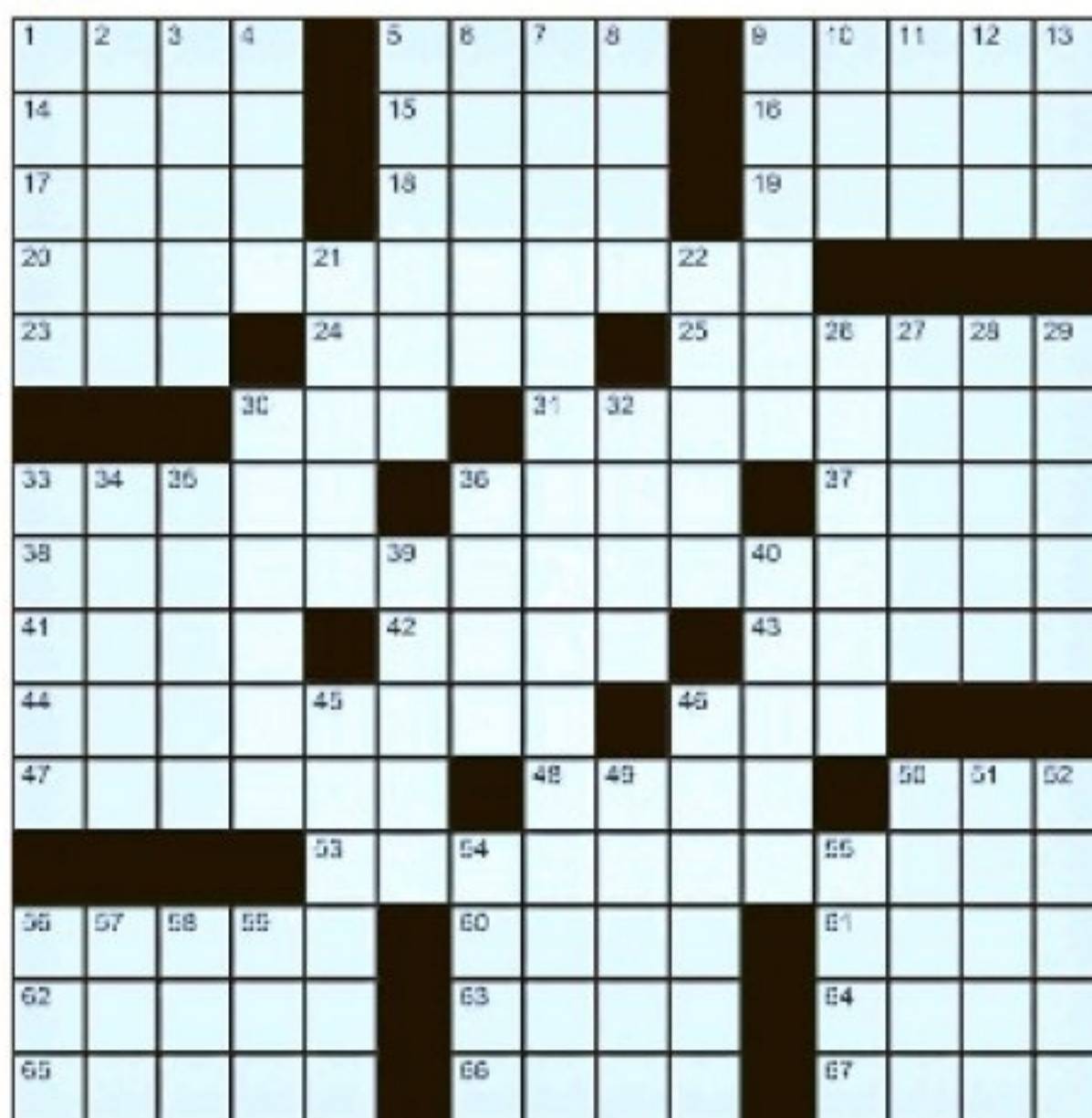
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## ACROSS

1. Pillow cover
5. Medic who's missing the 'OR'?
9. Loans
14. Parrot's waxy beak part
15. Beige
16. Anticipate
17. Portion
18. Belonging to Jay Z's wife, fun-style
19. Kaley's "The Big Bang Theory" character
20. The Prairies = Canada's
23. Be under the weather
24. "It \_ Me Babe" by The Turtles
25. \_ yogurt
30. Charlemagne's li'l domain
31. Resort city of Mexico
33. Start
36. Smudge
37. Industrial region of Germany
38. Firearm used by French-explorer-to-Canada Samuel de Champlain: 2 wds.
41. Ancient city of Japan
42. Tortoise's competitor
43. Olde-style rewards
44. Set off
46. "The Dark Knight" (2008) star ...his initials-sharers
47. Tree types
48. Fight
50. Whiz's pal
53. Incredibly interesting
56. "Any Time \_ \_"



60. Prince Michael of \_ (Queen Elizabeth's cousin)
61. Food thickener
62. CCR's "Born on the \_"
63. " \_ the Woods" (2014) starring Meryl Streep

64. Purplish
65. Folie \_ \_ (Foolishness shared by two)
66. Eminem song
67. Cobblestone

## DOWN

1. \_ diving
2. French artist, \_

3. Princess in "The Little Mermaid" (1989)
4. Prefix to 'morphosis'
5. Carrie Fisher's mother Ms. Reynolds
6. \_ liner
7. \_ \_ Beach Provincial Park, in Sambro Creek,

8. 1979 Fleetwood Mac album
9. Modern day typewriter
10. SHE-ep
11. Bert Bobbsey's twin
12. Rumpus
13. Trough locale

21. Sci-Fi villain Vader
22. Provide with weapons
26. Hospital heroines and heros
27. Outlandish occurrence
28. Hurt
29. Wrongdoings, in law
30. \_ Strait (British Columbia body of water)
32. Veggie in a salad or a tea party sandwich, fun-style
33. "Labor \_ Vincit" (Oklahoma's state motto)
34. Types of flatbread
35. Remove the furniture paint
36. Ship
39. Capital of Tibet
40. Space shadow
45. Arrival, as crowds of people
46. Uri, for William Tell
49. One of Columbus' ships in 1492
50. Lively old dance of France
51. Pass, as law
52. Type of heron
54. Enjoys the winter resort
55. 1981 Tom Cruise movie
56. Lawyers org. in The States
57. Smidgen
58. "Absolutely," at sea
59. Mr. Reed

# ★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

**Aries** March 21 - April 20  
You are ambitious today! You have big plans to do big things in a big way, and you want big recognition for your efforts.

**Taurus** April 21 - May 21  
You are excited about big travel plans for the future. Or perhaps your big ideas are about exploring opportunities in higher education, publishing, the media, medicine and the law.

**Gemini** May 22 - June 21  
You will be confident when it comes to deciding how to share something today, like an inheritance. Be careful you are not so cocky that you give away the farm.

**Cancer** June 22 - July 23  
If you have a conflict with a close friend or partner today, you might be overbearing. This is because you believe in what you want, and you believe you will get it!

**Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23  
You can accomplish a lot today because you are energetic, enthusiastic and confident. This state of mind is all you need to get great results.

**Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23  
Romance is strong today because your desiring nature is strong. However, you actively will seek out amusement and fun diversions. It's a great day for competitive sports!

**Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23  
You are willing to move mountains to achieve what you want at home, especially regarding redecorating projects or renovations. (Librans care about how their home looks.)

**Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22  
You are so confident in your communications with others today that you will succeed in sales, marketing, teaching, acting and writing. You're the poster child for the power of positive thinking.

**Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21  
You are willing to work hard to earn money today. You're ready to spend your money, as well! You've got big ideas that you intend to put into action.

**Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20  
Today your energy level is high! This is why you will accomplish a great deal and bring certain projects to a successful conclusion. Go, go, go!

**Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19  
If you work alone or behind the scenes today, you will feel happy. You will be proud of your achievements and hopeful for big results down the road.

**Pisces** Feb. 20 - March 20  
Your ability to work in conjunction with others today is top-notch. Your enthusiasm and energy will make you the leader of the pack.

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